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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,
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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 1, 1988 (P.L.82, No.16), entitled "An
2 act providing for the establishment, implementation and
3 administration of the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment
4 Authority; imposing powers and duties on a board of trustees;
5 transferring the rights, powers, duties and obligations of
6 the Water Facilities Loan Board to the Pennsylvania
7 Infrastructure Investment Authority; providing for the
8 issuance of notes and bonds; providing for financial
9 assistance and for a comprehensive water facilities plan;
10 authorizing a referendum to incur indebtedness; making an
11 appropriation; and making repeals," further providing for
12 definitions; and providing for additional use of funds for
13 financial assistance.

14 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
15 hereby enacts as follows:

16 Section 1. The definition of "project" in section 3 of the
17 act of March 1, 1988 (P.L.82, No.16), known as the Pennsylvania
18 Infrastructure Investment Authority Act, amended June 19, 2013
19 (P.L.51, No.16), is amended and the section is amended by adding
20 a definition to read:

21 Section 3. Definitions.

22 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall

1 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
2 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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4 "Private lateral sewer line." A private sewer line serving a
5 structure or dwelling, running from the structure or dwelling to
6 a public sewer line.

7 "Project." The eligible costs associated with the
8 acquisition, construction, improvement, expansion, extension,
9 repair, rehabilitation or security measures of all or part of
10 any facility or system, whether publicly or privately owned:

11 (1) for the collection, treatment or disposal of
12 wastewater, including industrial waste, to include private
13 sewer lines;

14 (2) for the supply, treatment, storage or distribution
15 of drinking water;

16 (3) for the control of pollution associated with storm
17 water, which may include, but need not be limited to, the
18 transport, storage and the infiltration of storm water; or

19 (4) for the best management practices to address
20 pollution, including innovative techniques developed to
21 comply with the act of June 22, 1937 (P.L.1987, No.394),
22 known as The Clean Streams Law, or identified in the county-
23 prepared watershed plans pursuant to the act of October 4,
24 1978 (P.L.864, No.167), known as the Storm Water Management
25 Act, or as identified in Pennsylvania's Nonpoint Source
26 Management Program Update, as required under section 319(b)
27 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (62 Stat. 1155, 33
28 U.S.C. § 1329(b)).

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30 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

1 Section 10.1. Additional use of funds.

2 (a) General rule.--Subject to subsection (b), governmental
3 units are authorized to use financial assistance received under
4 this act for the improvement, extension, repair or
5 rehabilitation of private lateral sewer lines connected to
6 public sewer systems, where the government unit determines that
7 such activities will benefit the public sewer system. No
8 governmental unit which has completed such activities shall be
9 deemed to be the owner of such private lateral sewer lines, or
10 to have any further responsibility to conduct such activities,
11 unless a governmental unit makes an affirmative determination to
12 accept such obligations.

13 (b) Eligibility.--A private lateral sewer line project shall
14 be eligible for financial assistance if any one of the following
15 is applicable:

16 (1) The municipality or municipal authority has been
17 ordered by any public health or environmental agency having
18 jurisdiction to reduce infiltration and inflow.

19 (2) Private lateral sewer lines have been identified,
20 through an appropriate engineering study, as significant
21 contributors to the wet weather overflow problem and sewer
22 system capacity and a private sewer line project is
23 determined to be a cost-effective component of the solution.

24 (3) The municipality or municipal authority determines
25 that a private sewer line project will benefit the public
26 health through the prevention of overflows and sewage backup
27 onto private property.

28 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.